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BERLIN, CONSCRIPTION HOLD PACIFIST ATTENTION

The crisis in Berlin, off the boil but still simmering after the Mikoyan t, and a growing struggle in Congress over renewal of the Selective Service , held the attention of pacifists in mid-January. Both situations, of great sig- cance to the future peace of the world, have suffered from an almost total ab- ce of real discussion, and are still far from being adequately debated.

The Soviet initiative in announcing decision to withdraw from East Ger- y and its proposal to make West lin a "free city," has again been ntered by a reiteration of a rigid S. policy. The almost mystical de- on to the notion of "bipartisanship" Congress (usually justified by the ument that the spectacle of Ameri- s disagreeing with the Administra- would strengthen the Communists), s the Truman-Acheson approval of les' policies, has meant almost no gressional debate on a matter of ral life-and-death importance to the ntry.

To some extent this is being modi- l. Important individuals are speaking in sharp criticism of American poli- The notion of "disengagement" is, George Kennan suggests in *Foreign airs*, being revisited. Several new- ers to Congress show signs of being tive under this particular aspect of artisanship. If their constituents-- those of other solons--begin to e their own misgivings known, there be some break in the log jam.

Word from the constituents seems to the best hope, too, in the struggle prevent renewal of the Selective vice Act. Until January there had n almost no sign of opposition to ewal, and even now the extent to ch military conscription is accepted a permanent part of our "way of " is an ominous comment on the ct of militarism on the United States. However, the National Council inst Conscription, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom have helped to locate and mobilize a considerable opposition, and one group of Congressmen is also reported as determined to resist renewal. Hearings began on January 26 before the House Armed Services Committee.

More on the Subject...

For more information, we recommend the following on Germany:

"Disengagement Revisited," by George Kennan, in January, 1959 Foreign Affairs.

**"Dilemma in Berlin," by John M. Swomley Jr., in March 1, 1959* Fellowship.

And on Conscription:

**"End Conscription in 1959," by John M. Swomley Jr., in January 7, 1959* Christian Century. *Reprints at 10¢.*

"End Peacetime Conscription in 1959," news bulletin of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, December 1958.

**The Cost of Conscription, by John M. Swomley Jr., with a call for the end of conscription by 50 outstanding persons. NCAC 15¢.*

**"Peace Packet" of several anti-conscription items, including some of above, prepared by AFSC 50¢.*

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Thirteen Elected to Council; April Meeting in Evanston

Balloting on what was probably the biggest list of nominees for National Council membership in FOR history concluded January 15 with the election of nine persons for three-year terms and four for two years. A total of 1012 were sent in, of which the leading candidate received 781. The ballot contained the names of 37 nominees.

Those elected will begin their terms at the Council meetings in Evanston, April 23--25. They are:

Three years:
Kenneth Calkins, Chicago, Ill.
Paul Deats Jr., Boston, Mass.
Allan A. Hunter, Los Angeles, Cal.
Clarence Jordan, Americus, Ga.
Carl J. Landes, Wadley, Ala.
Claud D. Nelson, New York, N.Y.
Rosa Page Welch, Chicago, Ill.
Herman Will Jr., Lombard, Ill.
George Willoughby, Blackwood Terrace, N. J.

Two years:
Van Cleve Johnson, Dinsmore, Fla.
Dale E. Landis, Lima, Ohio
Emily Parker Simon, Baltimore, Md.
William O. Tilenius, Malverne, N.Y.

Anti-Communist Oath Opposed by Colleges

Two Pennsylvania colleges, Bryn Mawr and Haverford, have announced that they will not participate in the student loan provisions of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 unless an anti-Communist oath provision is removed. Nearby Swarthmo and three Maine colleges also ha protested the oath provision. T Maine colleges--Bates, Bowdoin a Colby--in a joint statement called t statement a "serious threat to ac demic freedom."

The Act makes education loans to $5000 available to students, w interest and repayment not beginn until one year after graduation. Loa are then paid off at 3% interest ove period of ten years.

Steps Toward Integration: A Roundup of Recent Events

"We aren't mad at anybody. We b lieve in Christian love," said Willi Holmes Borders, a leader in effo by Negroes to abolish bus segregati in Atlanta, Ga. The pastor's rema followed a Federal court decision th ruled bus jim crow unconstitution and indicated that integration will n be "forced."

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"Racial segregation is sin," sa Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of t National Council of Churches, in h Race Relations Sunday message. T message will be read in Protesta churches throughout America on Fe ruary 8. Last year's message w written by Martin Luther King Jr. Bo men are FOR members.

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Pastors in Des Moines, Iowa, helping to circulate a "statement conscience," putting signers on rec as welcoming into their neighborho "any residents of good character, gardless of race, color, religion or n tional origin." The statement is c ceived as a step toward easing rac residence patterns which block Negro and others from obtaining decent ho ing, and forestalling "panic sellin when real estate operators predict drop in property values in chang neighborhoods.

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In Richmond, Va., last month Virginia Supreme Court of Appe struck down that state's "massive sistance" laws designed to circ

nt school integration. The ruling ved the way for the return of some 000 white children to public school ssrooms. On the same date, Jan. a Federal court in Norfolk also ed that the closed schools be re-ened. Diehard segregationist legis-ors were expected to try to scuttle public school system by amending state constitution. Earlier, on w Year's Day, about 1500 Negroes, gether with a score of white sympa-zers, marched 17 blocks through a eady downpour of rain to conduct a ayer meeting on the capitol steps in chmond, petitioning the governor to solve the racial deadlock in the hools. The pilgrimage, headed by 0 ministers from all parts of the ate, was jointly sponsored by the AACP and the Congress of Racial uality.

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cifist Pickets sed, Beaten at AF Base

Six pacifists were pummeled with eams of water from high-pressure hoses and one was beaten with s on the day before Christmas when y picketed the main gate of Vanden-g Air Force Base, Lompoc, Calif., h signs saying, "Reconciliation, retaliation" and "ICBMs mean ."

Announcing that they were going to lean the crud off the road," some firemen, called in by the commander he missile unit at the base, trained es on the demonstrators for nearly hours, knocking picket signs from ir hands, hitting members of the up in the face and genitals and cking one of them unconscious.

One man, Walter Chaffee, was kneel-in prayer near a Christmas Nativity ne. Firemen played heavy jets of er on him and when another paci-, Alan Graham, tried to cut one of hoses he (Graham) was held by Air Force men and beaten about head by a third.

After the pumping trucks withdrew, bruised pacifists improvised new ters and continued picketing for an r.

CO NEWS

News received recently indicates a slightly happier future for French conscientious objectors, who have hitherto faced the possibility of repeated prison sentences. As the result of a campaign organized by the pacifist periodical *Liberté*, seven of the nine COs who have served five or more years have been released. Among them was Edmond Schaguené, who has spent nine years in prison. More than 100 men are still in.

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Dorothy Day, of the *Catholic Worker*, and A. J. Muste, FOR secretary-emeritus, transmitted to the United Nations in December an appeal that a clause on conscientious objection be included in the UN Charter on Human Rights. Accompanying the appeal was a warm endorsement by Norman Thomas.

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Quaker Lawrence Osborn has been stripped of his U. S. citizenship by the State Department for failure to comply with the Selective Service Act. Osborn emigrated to Costa Rica shortly before his eighteenth birthday to join the Quaker colony there. His wife and four young children have returned to the United States, but Osborn has been refused permission to join them. The CCCO has agreed to assist him in a legal test of the government's action.

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Belgian Mennonites have appealed to the parliament of that country for legal recognition of conscientious objection. At present COs face the alternative of 18 months in prison or three years work in the coal mines.

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New Zealand has ended compulsory military training.

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Pat Boone, singing idol of American teen-agers, has disclosed in his book, *'Twixt Twelve and Twenty*, that he is a "partial conscientious objector." He reports: "I only objected to actually shooting guns. I'd go in the front lines

as a medic." In the more formal language of Selective Service regulations, this is known as the 1-AO position.

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Peter Green, Methodist Marine private who turned conscientious objector and was sentenced to two years in the Navy brig, has been released with a bad conduct discharge after serving six months.

Prison Chaplain Says Churches Neglect Offenders

Dr. H. Park Tucker, chaplain at Atlanta federal penitentiary, told delegates to an annual Youth for Christ International meeting in Chicago in December that churches should do something more definite to reach potential criminals. The churches, said Dr. Tucker, are often guilty of neglecting the "fallen sinner." Christians everywhere, he said, need to "reach down" and help not only criminals but those who might become criminals.

Loan Fund to Aid Housing Integration

Two FOR members, Morris Milgram and David H. Scull, are president and board chairman, respectively, of a million-dollar fund that is being built up to buy land and build integrated housing, and to make loans to local groups planning integrated communities. One-fourth of a $1,000,000 common stock issue for the fund, Modern Community Developers Inc., has been subscribed. Directors of the fund are salaried. The stock is being sold $100 a share. The fund's offices at 84 Nassau Street, Princeton, N.J.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 13-15. AFSC Institute on "Al natives to Brinkmanship" at H Onandaga, Syracuse, N.Y. A. J. Mus Norman J. Whitney, Derk Bodde, B Gen. Hugh B. Hester, Caryl M. Kli Also showing of film, *Alternati* and folksong program. Write: L Gray, N. Y. State Peace Council, University Bldg., Syracuse 2, N.Y.

April 5-10. Henry Hitt Crane one- conferences: Washington (Apr. Harrisburg (Apr. 7); Scranton (Apr. Rochester (Apr. 9); Buffalo (Apr. 1 Write: AFSC, 20 South 12th St., Phi delphia 7, Pa.

April 20-23. Church Peace Miss Conference at First Baptist Chur Evanston, Ill. Write: A. J. Mus Church Peace Mission, 1133 Broadw New York City.

May 5. New York FOR Annual Din at Christ Church (Methodist). Princi Speaker: Rep. Byron Johnson. Wri A. J. Muste, New York FOR, 1 Broadway, N. Y. 10, N. Y.

August 5-12. International Confere of IFOR at Schloss Trautenfels, Sta ach, Ennstal, Austria, on theme "Po for Peace." Write: John Nevin Say International FOR, Box 271, Nya N. Y.

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